IN THE SPECIFICATION

PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:

• Beginning at page 122, line 14 and terminating at page 122, line 25, please amend the specification as follows:

VDB Service 3813 now has all the information it needs to make and return a result for query 5201. Result 5301 is shown in FIG. 53. Most of the result consists of Cookie 5305, which is returned only if the access request succeeds. Cookie 5303 contains a description of the access request including user information provided by the user and retrieved by the customer authentication method. Cookie 5303 further contains a digest at 5305 and the digital signature of generalized policy server 2617. These components make alterations of the contents of Cookie 5305 detectable and make it possible for one policy server 2617 to accept a cookie from another policy server whose signature it recognizes. At 5309, the results indicate that the user has been authenticated, at 5311 that the access has been allowed, and since access has been allowed, MaybeList is empty, as indicated at 5313. When policy plug-in 3805 receives the above result, it permits application 3803 to display the page http://pluto.interdyn.com/BindNepture.html.